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Ex-Servicemen's Co-operative Farming Society (Aranboly)

* 821 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken against the office bearers of the Ex-Servicemen's Co-operative Farming Society, Aranboly (Kanyakumari district), for the recovery of loans granted by the Government; and

(*b*) the amount of loan granted and the amount recovered so far?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) There is no Society by name Ex-Servicemen's Co-operative Farming Society at Aranboly in Kanyakumari district. If the hon. Member refers to the Weavers' Society of the same name, details will be furnished.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Nylon threads (Supply to fishermen)

* 822 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(i) the value of nylon threads supplied to fishermen;

(ii) the centres at which they are supplied; and

(iii) the basis on which they are supplied?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (i) Synthetic fish net twine valued at about Rs. 2.65 lakhs has been supplied to fishermen by the Fisheries Department during the years 1957–58, 1959–60 and up to 31st October 1960 in 1960–61.

(ii) The fishermen obtain their supply from the Fishermen Co-operative Societies and District Federations concerned or direct from the Department.

(iii) That usual subsidy of 33 1/3 per cent of the cost price is allowed on the value of the twine supplied to the Fishermen Co-operative Federations and Societies and groups of fisermen who have been supplied with mechanised boats by the Fisheries Department. The net cost of the material, i.e., the value of the twine sold at 66 2/3 per cent of the cost price, is recoverable in 18 monthly instalments spread over a period of two years, no recovery being effected for three months in a year during the off season.

Nylon threads (licences for import)

* 823 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences issued to fishermen during the past two years for importing nylon threads; and

(*b*) the number granted so far?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) From April 1958, till date about 180 applicatons for the issue of actual Users Imoprt Licences have been received by the Fisheries Department from various Fishermen Co-operative Organizations of the State.

(b) the Joint Chief Controller, Bombay, has so far issued 117 Actual Users Import Licences to various Fishermen Co-operative Organizations.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether this Government have received from Union Government any grant towards 'nylon' threads? If so, may I know what is the amount received?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : From Union Government so far as these 'nylon threads' are concerned, we have not received anything?

Bathing ghats at Rameswaram, etc.

* 824 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI K. VINAYAKAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct bathing ghats on the sea shores of the sea at Rameswaram, Devipattinam, Sethukarai, near Tiruppulani, Ramanathapuram district, to enable pilgirms to take sea bath without risks?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : There is no proposal to construct bathing ghats by the Government, the Devasthanam or the Local Panchayat. It is, however, reported that there is a proposal for the construction of a bathing ghat at Rameswaram by His Holiness Sri Sankaracharya Swamigal of Kanchi.

Ammonium Sulphate (distribution)

* 825 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the total quantity of Ammonium Sulphate distributed in the State from April 1959 to April 1960;

(b) through what Agencies this manure was distributed; and

(c) whether the Government were able to meet the demands of the ryots?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The quantities of fertilisers distributed were as below :—

Ammonium Sulphate	83,700	tons
Urea	26,472	,,
Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate	14,080	,,
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	6,650	tons.
Total in terms of Ammonium Sulphate.	168,216	tons.